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Ms. April Volk
Rocky Flats
P. O. Box 464
Golden, Colorado 80401

Dear Ms. Volk:

Thank you for the tour of the Rocky Flats property concerning my input
to you for your development of a management policy for the buffer area
around that facility.

I am of the opinion that the majority of land surrounding the Rocky Flats
facility could best be utilized as a scenic buffer with little or no
surface use allowed. Selective screening would be beneficial with the use
of types of trees that might border the facility so as to soften the
harshness that that facility portrays to the surrounding areas.

There are several very interesting ravines and wildlife areas, both for
terrestrial and aquatic life, within the northern and western quadrants.
These selective areas might become outdoor laboratories providing elementary,
secondary, and college classes with study areas on a supervised and limited
use basis.

The size of the buffer area around this facility could quite possibly become
a controlled wildlife study area with the introduction of one or several
species of wildlife by the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

Finally, I believe there is a need for replenishment of woody shrubs and
trees to many areas of this buffer zone and they, in turn, would encourage
the re-entry of those species of wildlife that left this area when those
shrubs and trees were removed.

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Hopefully, my comments will be of some value to your decisions and con-
clusions on the future use of this area. If I may be of additional assistance
to you concerning matters of Jefferson County Open Space importance, please
do not hesitate to call upon me.

Respectfully,

Ray Printz,
Open Space Director
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cc: Commissioner Anderson
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     Commissioner Paterson
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